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S. 295

To amend the Denali Commission Act of 1998 to establish the Denali transportation system in the State of Alaska.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. MURKOWSKI introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Denali Transportation
5 System Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DENALI TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM.**

7 The Denali Commission Act of 1998 (Public Law
8 105–277; 42 U.S.C. 3121 note) is amended—

9 (1) by redesignating section 309 as section 310;

10 and

1 (2) by inserting after section 308 the following:

2 **“SEC. 309. DENALI TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM.**

3 “(a) CONSTRUCTION.—

4 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Transpor-
 5 tation shall establish a program under which the
 6 Secretary may pay the costs of construction (includ-
 7 ing the costs of design) in the State of Alaska of the
 8 Denali transportation system.

9 “(2) DESIGN STANDARDS.—Any design carried
 10 out under this section shall use technology and de-
 11 sign standards determined by the Commission.

12 “(b) DESIGNATION OF SYSTEM BY COMMISSION.—
 13 The Commission shall submit to the Secretary of Trans-
 14 portation—

15 “(1) designations by the Commission of the
 16 general location and termini of highways, port and
 17 dock facilities, and trails on the Denali transpor-
 18 tation system;

19 “(2) priorities for construction of segments of
 20 the system; and

21 “(3) other criteria applicable to the program es-
 22 tablished under this section.

23 “(c) CONNECTING INFRASTRUCTURE.—In carrying
 24 out this section, the Commission may construct marine
 25 connections (such as connecting small docks, boat ramps,

1 and port facilities) and other transportation access infra-
 2 structure for communities that would otherwise lack ac-
 3 cess to the National Highway System.

4 “(d) ADDITION TO NATIONAL HIGHWAY SYSTEM.—
 5 On completion, each highway on the Denali transportation
 6 system that is not already on the National Highway Sys-
 7 tem shall be added to the National Highway System.

8 “(e) PREFERENCE TO ALASKA MATERIALS AND
 9 PRODUCTS.—In the construction of the Denali transpor-
 10 tation system under this section, the Commission may give
 11 preference—

12 “(1) to the use of materials and products indig-
 13 enous to the State; and

14 “(2) with respect to construction projects in a
 15 region, to local residents and firms headquartered in
 16 that region.”.

17 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

18 Section 310 of the Denali Commission Act of 1998
 19 (Public Law 105–277; 42 U.S.C. 3121 note) (as redesign-
 20 nated by section 2(1)) is amended by striking subsection
 21 (a) and inserting the following:

22 “(a) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be ap-
 23 propriated to the Commission—

24 “(1) to carry out the duties of the Commission
 25 under this title (other than section 309), and in ac-

1 cordance with the work plan approved under section
2 304, such sums as are necessary for fiscal year
3 2003; and

4 “(2) to carry out section 309 \$450,000,000 for
5 each of fiscal years 2004 through 2009.”.

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